

U.S. MILITARY
MEN ARE ALL
CALLED HOME

American Observers With German Army Forced To Hear Their Country Criticized Until Positions Became Difficult. — Recalled Home and Places Will Not Be Filled, Says Garrison

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WASHINGTON, April 4.
Constant German criticism has made the position of American army officers detailed to duty with the German armies as military observers so difficult that they have all been recalled, and their places will not be filled.

This, of course, is not the official explanation given out, but it is known to be the true one. Secretary Garrison confined himself to a bare statement that their mission had been fulfilled and that there was no longer any necessity for their presence.

The news first came out in Berlin, where, when it became known, it caused widespread comment and much professed surprise. Press dispatches carried it here where it was confirmed last night at the war department.

Inquiry among those with whom the observers had been in correspondence soon brought out the fact that their position had been steadily growing more difficult, until finally the tension had reached a point where their recall was thought by the administration to be the wisest course.

Official Germany is a unit in believing that the attitude of the United States toward the belligerents has been the merest hypocrisy. It might be technically correct, German officers argued, to hold it permissible for a neutral to export arms, munitions and provisions to belligerents, but when in point of fact such exports inured to the aid of one side only, continued shipments constituted a moral breach of neutrality, and to contend that America was not responsible for the geographical position of Germany and had nothing to do with her exclusion from the high seas was a mere commercial quibble.

Von Tirpitz's Views
This argument was pressed here by the German embassy and proclaimed by Grand Admiral von Tirpitz in an interview with former Senator Beveridge, who published it in an American magazine by official authorization.

Secretary Bryan's long note of explanation in which he gave assurances that America would sell with equal willingness to Germany were Germany in a position to buy; his argument that to shut off the supplies of the Allies which had been assured to them by their command of the seas, would be nothing short of taking the part of Germany against them, and would amount to denying them the advantages they had won in combat, found deaf ears in Ger-

Opinion there remained the same and was pressed with such constant iteration on the American officers, that their position became unbearable.

Those recalled are: Majors C

C. Williams and D. E. Aultman
and Captains S. D. Röckenbach
W. D. Burt and S. G. Shartle
Lieut.-Col. J. E. Kuhn remains as
military attaché to the German
embassy.

CARRANZA'S LAST STAND IN NORTH

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 4.—At the head of 4000 men, Gen. Francisco Villa is marching on Nuevo Laredo, in the State of Tamaulipas, eighty-five miles south of here, which is held by a garrison of 2300 Carranzistas. Should Villa take the city, its fall will mean the evacuation of all Northern Mexico by the forces of General Carranza.

